

Workingmen's Houses,
827 Dodge Street
Dubuque
Dubuque County
Iowa

HABS No. IA-159-BG

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HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA**

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Site Location: 827 Dodge Street
Dubuque, Dubuque County, Iowa
DOT designation: Resource Site No. 3.20
Cadastral grid : NW1/4 SE1/4 S25 T89N R2E
USGS quadrangle: Dubuque South Iowa 7.5'
UTM coordinates: 15.691500.4706780
Lot dimensions : 30'X 40': .03 acre
70'x 100': .16 acre
30'x 233': .16 acre
Lot description: West 30' of Lot 1 of City Lot 725;
East 70' of Lot 1 of City Lot 731;
North 40' - West 30' of Lot 1 of
City Lot 731.

Present Owner: John L., Lohberg and Bonnie M. Savary
Present Usage: vacant
Present Condition : fair

Overall Dimensions: 2-story main block: 22'x 18'; 1-story rear addition:
22'x 9'; 1-story side tavern addition: 20'x 30'; enclosed
front porch: 12'x 6'; enclosed side porch: 6'x 5'.

Orientation : southeast
Architectural Description :
Plan type : 2-story rectangle with 1-story side and rear
additions.
Foundation: poured-in-place concrete perimeter walls.
Structure : wood frame
Ext. walls: asbestos-cement siding installed over wood
beveled siding.
Roofs : moderately pitched side gable over main block,
with shallowly pitched hips and sheds over
porches and rear addition; asphalt shingles or
roll roofing throughout; flat composition roof
over tavern addition.
Chimneys : one brick straddle-ridge interior chimney
centered on roof of main block.
Dormers : none
Openings : wood 1/1 double-hung windows with aluminum
storms throughout on house; multi-pane fixed
sash or double-hung on tavern; plain casings,
hood molds and slip sills,
Porches : enclosed single-story front porch with offset
door and asbestos-cement apron beneath windows;
similar enclosed side porch.
Details : boxed and molded cornices on main block roof.

Construction Date : 1896

Architecture Style: Side gabled box

Physical History : Assessment records date this two-story frame house to 1896, but it is not known with certainty who built the structure or lived in it initially. In 1899 M. O'Laughlin is listed at this address. By 1908 Augustave Gartner [Gardner] had moved here, and around 1916 John A. Werb moved in. William Savary [Savory] first occupied the house sometime around 1922. Around 1939 he expanded the building to house the Bluffside Inn, a small neighborhood tavern. The Savary family has operated a tavern here since, renaming the establishment Savary's Tavern sometime before 1952. The building remains in family hands but is scheduled for demolition for construction of a proposed highway.

Significance: Substantially altered by the addition of the tavern and the installation of asbestos-cement exterior siding, this house is a modest and relatively undistinguished example of the workingmen's dwellings built on lower Dodge Street in the late 19th century.

References: Dubuque City Directories: 1857 - 1970.
Iowa Department of Transportation, "Draft Environmental
Impact Statement - Cultural Resources Assessment."
Land Title Abstract (located at Iowa Department of
Transportation, Ames Iowa).

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